Dear Phil, 1/17/85

Once again I'm filing, or rather trying to file, a retyped rough draft. It is exceptional enough to ask for more th n 15 pages, but asking for more time in addition? Too much.

Actually, I did not decide to do this until yesterday morning, during my walking therapy. I've still not had a word from my ACLU lawyer or from Jim. With Jim there is the possible explanation of his need to be detached, particularly because of the conflict of interest. But whatever accounts for it, their silence has left me entirely alone, unable to consult with anyone, and confronted with what, with any kind of break, can be a remarkable opportunity. In addition to an existing need.

We also had a snow storm, which was additional time pressure. But I was able to get the stuff into town and right now it is being xeroxed commercially. We had no choice but to make this expenditure because the collating would have been close to an impossibility and we cannot xerox the required covers, of card-index stock. I'm putting them on the copies to the Court only.

If we do not have any more snow, I should be able to get everything mailed tomorrow and make the time deadline. While trying to relax from this rather intense inte val I've addressed all the envelopds.

If there remains the tiniest shred of decency at the court this should cause a strong reaction. Each of the records, in addition to its startling content, is proof of the existence of relevant Dallas records not provided. Not even searched for. And with the Hosty search slip both blank and sworn to be genuine, any traditionalist judge ought be looking for walls to climb over the decision itself.

I was absolutely astounded to see the card claiming that LHO told the DL SAs that the MVD had been in touch with him. I also do not believe it.

With the Pearce affidavit saying that LHO was either an informer or a source, it enabled me to note that both the accused Presidential assassin and his assassin were thus connected to the FBI - which then suppressed all such information.

You'll find other things in the outline.

The press has been so dishonest on the entire subject it would be unwise to have expectations, but I am sending a few copies to those who ignored the copies of the petition I sent them last week. The one thing that might tempt them is the content when they'll understand that copies were sent to others any one of whom just might use it. I would like to place some hope in competition.

But there will be the excuse of the space devoted to the inauguration.

Best wishes,

Harold